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101. A Bill to Fix our Nation's Opioid Addiction Crisis

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
2 (SAMHSA) shall enact and enforce the following:
3 A. an awareness committee for educating and raising awareness about
4 opioids and heroin abuse in high schools, colleges, and prisons.
5 B. Increasing recovery centers in troubled neighborhoods and cities.
- 6 SECTION 2. "Troubled neighborhoods and cities" shall be defined as places with high
7 non-violent crime rates for crimes such as possession.
8 "Educating" shall be defined as information on the side effects, long term
9 conditions, ways to identify if a loved one is suffering from addiction, and
10 ways to get assistance for those in need of it.
- 11 SECTION 3. A tax on all alcohol and tobacco products shall be implemented to pay
12 for the provisions in this bill.
- 13 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on February 1, 2024. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Anniston Taylor, Weeki Wachee High School

102. A Bill to require states to provide supplementary curriculum for Gifted Children in the Public School System, to foster Intellectual Growth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. This bill will mandate that each state implement a supplementary
2 education plan with an appropriate curriculum for children who qualify
3 as a gifted child. The reason for this bill is to provide intellectual
4 stimulation for all gifted children.

5 SECTION 2. A gifted child is defined as any child who is naturally endowed with a
6 high degree of general mental ability or extraordinary ability in a specific
7 sphere of activity or knowledge. In order to be considered a gifted child
8 one must have an IQ score of 130 or more. There will be no inherent cost
9 to implementing this bill, as writing curriculum does not cost anything,
10 however, states may apply for up to 2 million dollars from the US
11 Department of Education to invest in non governmental organizations
12 who may assist them in making their supplementary curriculum.

13 SECTION 3. The US Department of Education will create regulations for the
14 curriculum to make a standard that the gifted children's supplementary
15 curriculum must remain in accordance with.

16 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on the 1st of January 2024. All laws in
17 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Holden J. Carleton, Indian Trails Middle School

103. A Bill to Ban the Further Construction of Cul-de-sacs in Residential Zones

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this legislation is to create safer, more walkable, more
2 health-conscious, more accessible, more navigable residential zones by
3 banning the construction of cul-de-sac roads within these areas.

4 SECTION 2. "Residential zones," as used in the language of this bill, refers to any of
5 the various residential zones as per respective local and municipal zoning
6 codes. "Cul-de-sacs," as used in the language of this bill, refers to a dead-
7 end road with only one inlet or outlet, and one access point, with no
8 through traffic.

9 SECTION 3. The Florida Department of Transportation, in collaboration with relevant
10 local and municipal authorities, will oversee the implementation of this
11 legislation. The Florida Department of Transportation will officiate new
12 guidelines and protocols for road planning and construction, in
13 adherence to this legislation, by July 1st, 2024.

14 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025.

15 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Paul Miles, QI Roberts High School

104. A Bill to Expand Graduation Requirements in Science and Mathematics

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. For students in Florida public schools, the following graduation
2 requirements will replace existing graduation requirements for the 24-
3 credit standard diploma. Four credits are required in mathematics. Of
4 these credits, one will come from Algebra 1, and another will come from
5 Geometry. The third credit may be from Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, or
6 Statistics. The fourth credit can come from any course of equal or greater
7 rigor to these courses or be substituted by industry certifications that
8 lead to college credit or an identifiable computer science credit. Four
9 credits are required in science. Of these credits, one will come from
10 Biology, and another will come from Chemistry. The third credit may be
11 from any science courses listed under the course directory under Marine
12 Science, Earth-Space Sciences, or Environmental Science. The fourth
13 credit can come from any course of equal or greater rigor to these
14 courses or be substituted by industry certifications that lead to college
15 credit. All four science credits require a laboratory component.
- 16 SECTION 2. End of Course (EOC) exams will be created and administered for Algebra
17 2, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, and Chemistry.
- 18 SECTION 3. Section 1 and Section 2 are only applicable to students in Florida public
19 schools
- 20 SECTION 4. The Florida Department of Education will be responsible for enforcing
21 this legislation.
- 22 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Paul Miles, QI Roberts High School

105. A Bill to Repeal Federal Income Tax.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. This bill is designed to repeal the Federal Income Tax
- 2 SECTION 2. The Internal Revenue Service will immediately disband. The Internal
3 Revenue Service will immediately call a halt to the collection and
4 investigation of citizen taxation.
- 5 SECTION 3. United States Executive and Legislative Branches will oversee the
6 disbanding of the Internal Revenue Service and all specific enforcement
7 mechanisms.
- 8 A. The Legislative Branch will use The Government Accountability
9 Office of the Congress to maintain oversight throughout the entire
10 disbanding process.
- 11 B. The Executive Branch will use the President's Office of
12 Management and Budget to maintain oversight throughout the entire
13 disbanding process.
- 14 SECTION 4. This bill will begin to be enacted immediately after passage.
- 15 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

106. A Bill to Increase the Driving Age to 18 Years of Age

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. The driving age will be increased to 18 years old, consistent throughout
2 the nation.

3 SECTION 2. DOT refers to the Department of Transportation, a federal agency.

4 DMV refers to the Department of Motor Vehicles, a state agency.

5 SECTION 3. The DOT will oversee the individual state DMVs for restructuring and
6 compliance.

7 A. A system will be put into place for grandfathering individuals that
8 reside in states that currently have a lower driving age.

9 B. New protocols would be created regarding learner's licenses,
10 licenses to operate farming vehicles, and other unique circumstances.

11 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect as soon as it is passed.

12 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

107. A Bill to Expand the Space Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. NASA will get humans to Mars by 2033.
- 2 SECTION 2. NASA refers to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- 3 SECTION 3. NASA and the Department of the Interior will oversee enforcement.
 - 4 A. In the next 10 years, NASA will create an aggressive plan so the USA
 - 5 will be the first nation to land humans on Mars.
 - 6 B. NASA may contract with private companies to facilitate this mission.
 - 7 C. Funding for this legislation will come from the Department of the
 - 8 Interior.
- 9 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect as soon as it is passed. All laws in conflict
- 10 SECTION 5. with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

108. A Bill to Ban Direct to Consumer Pharmaceutical Ads for Prescription Drugs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. Direct to consumer pharmaceutical ads for prescription drugs should be
2 banned.

3 SECTION 2. The FDA oversees Pharmaceutical Television ads..

4 A. Current ads are misleading and manipulative. Consumers don't
5 always get a full picture of the risks of the drug. Images in these ads are
6 misleading.

7 B. Doctors prescribe these drugs not the consumer.

8 C. Pharmaceutical drugs cost more because the pharmaceutical
9 companies fold in the cost of television ads into the drug costs.

10 SECTION 3. The only two countries in the world who allow direct to consumer
11 pharmaceutical ads are the United States and New Zealand. The
12 United States needs put protection of the consumers as the highest
13 goal and discontinue this practice.

14 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on [insert date here, formatted as "FY
15 2021" or "July 1, 2021" but not "July 1st"].

16 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

109. A Bill to Increase Oil Production in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. Supply of oil decreases the price. When the United States safely
2 increases oil production, it causes the price of gas per gallon to decrease,
3 thus making filling up cheaper.
- 4 SECTION 2. Gas is defined as gasoline used to propel cars.
- 5 SECTION 3. Numerous government agencies including, but not limited to, the U.S.
6 Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Bureau of
7 Land Management and Environmental Protection Agency.
- 8 A. Increasing production could mean opening more land or sea for
9 exploration. Promoting fracking. Using the Permian region more
10 efficiently.
- 11 B. Safety is key. When oil spills happen, it wastes oil and increases
12 the price, thus defeating the purpose of this legislation.
- 13 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 14 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.